

# THE CHRONICLE.

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SOMETHING ELSE TO DO.

It is supposed the Supreme court will render its decision in the 100-3 case to-day, or some day soon. We know not what that decision will be, but if the decision of the Chancellor should be confirmed and the case finally settled, one thing we do know and that is, that notwithstanding the unfounded assertions of the agitators and would-be leaders, the people of Tennessee will be heartily glad of it and rejoice that it is at last settled. They are already nauseated with the discussion of the question. They are worn out with it and want to turn their attention to something else. After being ever so many long years shamelessly imposed upon, they have at last learned that "a demagogue is one who employs specious and deceitful arts to deceive and control the people, panders to popular prejudices, and engages in nefarious and corrupt practices to gain and mislead the multitude," and have determined no longer to become the willing tools of such men. They have now learned that to blindly follow such men don't pay and they will now turn their attention to something else. They now see the utter folly of keeping the press, its statesmen and honest men of all classes continuously wrought up over this hurtful question when they might be busily engaged in far better work, in encouraging immigration and developing the vast and rich resources of the State to learn that they owe it to themselves and their posterity to endeavor to push forward the material interests of their State, rather than to stand as impediments in the pathway of its progress. They have just passed through a year of extraordinary drouth and shortness in crops and have paid two taxes, and now that they see these hardships and misfortunes passed and gone, they are glad that they met them like men, and are sanguine and buoyant for the future. They are proud to know that they have passed through such a crisis bravely and heroically and that the future looks brighter. They look with pride at the preserved honor and credit of their State, and will never again join any party which seeks to blacken its reputation and retard its prosperity.

The days of demagogues are about passing away. The people are now alive to the nefarious ways and dark schemes by which these men sought to climb into place and plunder over their ruined interests. In a few years the foolish agitation will be regarded by the people as an enemy to the State. In a few years the driblet subject will be forgotten and Tennessee will be prosperous and happy. Its continued discussion has been full of evil consequences to us, and all good men will rejoice that it is taken from the politics of the State.

A FEW INTERESTING DEFINITIONS.

We give below, taken from the American Register, a brilliant Democratic weekly, published at Washington, a few short, but very clear and sensible definitions of a few various and distinctive characters who figure extensively under a Republican form of government. The people of Tennessee would do well to study and understand them, and be able to distinguish between them correctly, and to estimate each truly as he deserves.

The Statesman is a man of eminent ability and integrity; versed in the science of government and the art of governing. A truly great statesman is guided by elevated views, and devoted to the interest and welfare of his country, regardless of selfish, sectional and partisan considerations.

The Jurist is a man of eminent ability, learning and integrity, who is versed in the science of the law, especially the civil and municipal law and the law of nations.

The Politician is one devoted to political affairs, and who dabbles in politics for a living.

The Partisan is the adherent of a party or faction, who devotes his time to its advancement, and serves his party instead of his country.

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No honest-hearted Tennesseean has watched the course of these last defined characters in this State for a few years past, without burning with indignation over the recital of the specious and deceitful arguments and artifices which they have used to mislead the good people of the State.

Capt. THOS. J. HENRY, of Morgan county, Ky., was nominated by the Democratic State convention for clerk of the next session at Frankfort on Thursday of last week. Capt. Sam. M. Gaines, of Hopkinsville, ran third best in the race. He made a gallant fight for the place, and although defeated, he won the confidence and esteem of all who came in contact with him during the canvass. He will be Capt. Henry's first assistant clerk.

The Oscar Wilde aesthetic craze is raging all over the country, and many of the young men want to return to the art of knee-breeches. This may do for a fat, well-rounded young gent, but it will never take with.

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SENATOR BROWN, of Georgia, has introduced a bill in the Senate to provide each Senator with a private secretary, at a salary of \$1,200 a year. It is said that the bill will pass, as both Republican and Democratic Senators favor it.

## Unstamped Cigars.

Considerable excitement was created around the revenue officers of the State, over the arrest by revenue officers of several of our citizens for purchasing and having in their possession unstamped cigars. The cigars, we are informed, were made by a man by the name of Kramer who lives in South Clarksville. Kramer was first arrested by the officers for making cigars and he told to whom he sold them, which resulted in the arrest of the gentlemen who purchased them. It is stated by some that Kramer is a poor, club-footed and illiterate man and probably did not know that he was violating the revenue laws, while others state that he claimed to be a regular licensed cigar maker. However this may be, it is certain the gentlemen who purchased or paid him for making the cigars did not know that they were transgressing the law and are entirely guiltless of any intention to defraud the government. We are informed that Kramer came to several of the gentlemen who had a lot of leaf tobacco and stated that he was a regular licensed cigar maker, and being in indigent circumstances implored them to let him make up the tobacco into cigars for them. Acting under this belief and hoping to assist him, they allowed him to make the cigars.

The circumstances in which these parties are placed is to be regretted, but there is no doubt that they were either ignorant of the law and acted unwittingly, or else were misled by Kramer. We also hear that a number of gentlemen around Guthrie—Kentucky—have been arrested for the same unconscious violation of the revenue law.

For the benefit of those who may be ignorant of the law and to deter others who may unwittingly violate it, we will give the law which says that "any person who manufactures cigars without giving a bond to the Government, one condition of which is that he shall stamp in accordance with law all cigars manufactured by him before he offers them for sale, is liable to a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500, and to imprisonment for not less than three months nor more than five years. As to purchasing such cigars the law says: Every person who purchases or receives for sale any cigars not stamped in accordance with law, is liable to a fine of \$50 for each offense. You will find other penalties by consulting the United States Revised Statutes."

The Municipal Election.

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## From Port Royal.

EDITOR CHRONICLE: Now's the time those of us who scribble meekly about in the world should be writing just as what should be A. D. 1882, but will remain in the year 1881, just as this time last year we were wont to put it down '80 instead of '81. As the gifted "Talmage" says "white haired" 1881 "is gone and with it many a glorious thought of happy dreams. It's work is on each brow, it's shadow in each heart."

The historian will chronicle 1881 as a memorable year in the history of our country, for it was fraught with important, stirring and tragic events. 1881 witnessed the Republic's party get complete control of every branch of our government, executive, legislative and judicial. The Republican party is firmly entrenched in power now, is stronger than it was twenty-two years ago when it elected Lincoln.

1881 witnessed one of the most tragic events in the history of our country, the killing of Garfield. True Lincoln was the victim of the assassin's pistol, but his murderer was hunted down and shot, a fate that he richly merited. Lincoln's death was the closing drama in a bloody national tragedy, and was only deplored by part of a nation. The "deep damnation" of Garfield's "taking off" was deplored, not only by this nation, but by mankind. As partisans, we could not see it at the time, but Garfield was a superior man to Gen. Hancock in many respects. Garfield, by his genius, intense energy and activity, rose from the humblest walks of life to the highest offices of the State. How well in three words he wrote his own fate and epitaph when, fifteen days after receiving the death wound, he called for pen and paper and wrote the prophetic and immortal sentence, *strangulus pro republica*.

Referring to Garfield and Hancock allow me one word of comment, just one word as Sergeant Buford said in the case of Bardwell vs. Pickwick, on that humbug Hancock campaign. The attempt to "kill" Garfield, the law which says that "any person who manufactures cigars without giving a bond to the Government, one condition of which is that he shall stamp in accordance with law all cigars manufactured by him before he offers them for sale, is liable to a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500, and to imprisonment for not less than three months nor more than five years. As to purchasing such cigars the law says: Every person who purchases or receives for sale any cigars not stamped in accordance with law, is liable to a fine of \$50 for each offense. You will find other penalties by consulting the United States Revised Statutes."

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